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PREFACE.

THE plan of this Manual is the following.

The "words of Jesus" have been taken as the lesson of the day. They are distributed in thirty-one sections, the first twenty being from the earlier Gospels, and the remainder from that of John. It is hoped that this arrangement will prove a convenient one for those schools in which all the classes are engaged at once upon the same course of lessons in the Gospel.

The passages of Scripture which follow have been carefully arranged, so as to be read alternately (if desired) by the head and the members of the school, or family. Twenty of them consist of selections from the Psalms; and the remainder, from the later writings of the New Testament.

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In respect to the prayers, it has been my aim to give the utmost freedom, variety, and excellence of devotional expression. It was my hope to prepare them wholly from materials furnished by other hands; and only in a few instances has this course been departed from. I have sought where I could for models of standard excellence; feeling confident of this principle, that, while the best devotional expression is sufficiently simple as to form, even the youngest minds should be familiar from the first with what is most full in thought, and elevated in tone. By permission of the proprietors, the "Chapel Liturgy," and Furness's "Domestic Worship," have been freely used. The first ten of the accompanying prayers, as well as some later portions of the book, are prepared wholly from the Liturgy. Several others are gathered from sources so various as St. Augustine, Kempis, and Fenelon, Channing's Memoirs, and Miss Carpenter's "Meditations." For several, I am indebted to the kindness of my friends. In all, that only

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is admitted which it is hoped may serve the higher purposes of such a Manual.

Either portion of the service may be omitted, or easily abridged, at the discretion of the reader.

My original intention was simply to supply a want which I have experienced in conducting the devotions of the Sunday School. In doing this, however, it has seemed desirable to adopt the tone, and include the larger range suggested in the title. With this view, as well as to make of it a convenient manual for professional use, I have added such other materials, as, without much enlarging the limits, seemed essential to the completeness, of the extended plan.

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I.

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding

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glad; for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets that were before you.

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Ye are the light of the world: a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth its fruit in the season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

There be many that say, Who will show us any good?

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Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep; for thou, Lord, makest me to dwell in safety.

In the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

Let all those who put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous: with favor wilt thou compass him, as with a shield.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Thou hast set thy glory above the heavens!

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels: thou hast crowned him with glory and honor: thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands: thou hast put all things under his feet.

I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: I will show forth all thy marvellous works.

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I will be glad, and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise unto thy name, O thou Most High!

Prayer.

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent. And grant, O most merciful Father, that we may live hereafter a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name.

O Lord our Heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight.

Our Father who art in heaven: hallowed be

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thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II.

THINK not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever, therefore, shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven; but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. But I say

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unto you, that ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on the one cheek, turn to him the other also. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you: that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven; for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.

THE Lord is in his holy temple: the Lord's throne is in heaven. His eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness: his countenance doth behold the upright.

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

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Preserve me, O God, for in thee do I put my trust.

Thou art my Lord. I have no happiness without thee.

The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance: thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places: I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord, who careth for me: yea, in the night my heart admonisheth me.

I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope: for thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave; neither wilt thou suffer thy holy one to see corruption.

Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy: at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Prayer.

O God, our Heavenly Father, who by thy spirit dost govern, direct, and sanctify the hearts of thy faithful servants, have mercy upon us. Deliver us from all evil and mischief; from the assaults of temptation; from all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, ha-

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tred, and malice, and all uncharitableness; from all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceitful allurements of this transitory world.

In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our prosperity, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, good Lord, deliver us.

We beseech thee to bless and keep all thy people; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments: to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived; to strengthen such as stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those that fall; and finally, to give us victory over all temptations.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Succor, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; preserve all who travel by land or by water, all sick persons and young children; show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives; defend and provide for the fatherless children, and widows; and all that are desolate and oppressed.

Give us true repentance; forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and endue us with the grace of thy holy spirit, to amend our lives according to thy holy word.

O Lord, grant us thy peace. Lord, have mercy upon us. *Amen.*

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III.

TAKE heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them; otherwise ye have no reward of your Father in heaven. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: that thine alms may be in secret; and thy Father who seeth in secret, himself shall reward thee openly.

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are; for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father in secret, and thy Father who seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

But when ye pray use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do; for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them; for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where nei-

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ther moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

THE heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language, and their voice is not heard:

Yet is their sound gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, which cometh forth as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth is from the end of heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul:

The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple:

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart:

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes:

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The word of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever:

The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins: let them not have dominion over me.

Then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Prayer.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living to thy honor and glory, through Jesus Christ.

We give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the re-

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demption of the world by thy Son Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and the hope of glory. Give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

IV.

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light; but if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

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No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink, nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for

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the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

THE Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters: he restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth me will not slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand: the sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall guard thee from all evil: he

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shall preserve thy soul: the Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Prayer.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto thy children that peace which the world cannot give: that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments; and also that, being defended by thee from every fear, we may pass our time in rest and quietness.

We humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldst make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations.

We pray for thy holy Church: that it may be so guided and governed by thy good spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led in the way of truth; and hold the faith in the unity of spirit, in the bond of peace.

We commend to thy fatherly goodness all who are anyways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate. Comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities: give them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

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Give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity: and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command.

May thy grace be always with us, to enlarge and purify, to defend and preserve us; and make us continually to be given to all good works. Grant, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a pure heart and a quiet mind, in the spirit of thy Son. *Amen.*

V.

JUDGE not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the beam out of thy brother's eye.

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Ask, and it shall be given you. Seek, and ye shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father in heaven give good things to them that ask him? Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.

Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go in thereat. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life; and few there be that find it.

Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be put to shame.

Show me thy ways, O Lord: teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me; for thou art the God of my salvation.

Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies, and

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thy loving-kindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remem-ber thou me, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord continually, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

In the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me: he shall set me upon a rock.

Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy: I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face: my heart said, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not thy face far from me: thou hast been my help: leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and

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he shall strengthen thine heart: hope thou in the Lord.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, grant us thy grace, that in all the relations of life we may do justly, and love mercy, and walk humbly before thee; so that at last we may be received to the society of the just made perfect in thy heavenly kingdom. Teach us to love one another with pure hearts fervently; to exercise forbearance and forgiveness towards our enemies; to return no man evil for evil, and to be merciful, as thou, Father in heaven, art merciful.

Thou who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth, send thy holy spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace, and of all virtues; without which whosoever liveth, is counted dead before thee.

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright, grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations.

We beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayer of thy children who call upon thee: and

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grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do; and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them.

We pray that all holy affections may be established in our hearts, and that our lives may be adorned with all good actions; that while we live we may enjoy the testimony of a good conscience and the hope of thy favor; and that, after death, we may receive everlasting life in thy kingdom of heaven. *Amen.*

VI.

Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire. Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them. A good man, out of the good treasure of his heart, bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man, out

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of the evil treasure of his heart, bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, who built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it.

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

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Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

The word of the Lord is right: and all his works are done in truth.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made: and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

He spake, and it was done: he commanded, and it stood fast.

The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever: the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord: and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

The Lord looketh from heaven: he beholdeth all the sons of men.

From his dwelling-place he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that hope in his mercy.

Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield.

Our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

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Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

Prayer.

O God, the protector of all who trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of thy name: increasein us true religion: nourish us with all goodness: and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ.

God of wisdom and truth, who by thy spirit hast given us understanding; we thank thee that thou hast enabled us to know thee in thy works, to study thy word, and to hold communion with thee, the Father of our spirits.

May we at all times be sensible of our connection with thee; and above all things fear to degrade the nature which thou hast given us.

Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversity which may happen to the body,

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and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul.

Mercifully assist our weakness; reclaim us from our errors; enlighten our minds; purify our hearts; and give us true repentance for our sins, and peace in thee. *Amen.*

VII.

THEN were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them and pray; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso

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shall receive one such little child in my name, receiveth me.

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father in heaven. For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

How think ye? If a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

I WILL bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

O,m agnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me; and delivered me from all my fears.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

O, taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

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O, fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good. Seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

Prayer.

O God, who art ever more ready to hear than we are to pray, and who hast promised the assistance of thy holy spirit to those who truly seek it; we humbly beseech thee to grant us that

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light and help, without which we know nothing and can do nothing.

O, guide us by thy counsel; defend us by thy might; purify us by thy spirit; and keep us in thy fear and love continually. Lift up the light of thy countenance upon us; and give us peace.

Assist us in setting before our eyes the example of thy Son. May we faithfully imitate his purity, his humility, his meek, peaceful, and contented spirit, his entire resignation to thy will, and his diligence in doing good. May we acquire the temper as well as the doctrines of his Gospel; and help us in all things to walk worthy of our high and holy vocation, and of the glorious rewards which thou hast set before us.

May we love one another with pure hearts, fervently; that, in this life, we may experience how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity; and that we may be prepared for an eternal abode in the regions of endless peace and joy. *Amen.*

VIII.

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and

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harmless as doves. It is not ye that speak, but the spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. Fear them not, therefore, for there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not, therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father in heaven. Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. He that loveth father or mother more than me, is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me, is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

He that receiveth you receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

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He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward: and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens, and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Thy righteousness is like the great mountains: thy judgments are a great deep.

How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of their wings.

With thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

O, continue thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

Trust in the Lord, and do good: dwell in the land, and pursue righteousness.

Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in him: and he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noon-day.

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The meek shall inherit the earth: and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

Prayer.

Almighty God, give us grace, we beseech thee, to keep thee and thy commandments continually before us; to live as in thy sight; to walk in thy fear; to make ourselves the objects of thy love.

Most merciful Father, who knowest our weakness, and art acquainted with every action of our lives, and every secret of our hearts; we acknowledge in thy presence our imperfections and sins, and fervently pray that thou wouldst be gracious unto us, and forgive us, and remember our iniquities no more.

Assist us by thy holy spirit, and grant unto us

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true repentance. Help us to renounce and forsake all that is evil, and cleave to all that is good, and to make thee the object of our supreme regard; so that we fail not at last to attain that eternal happiness which thou hast promised to thy faithful servants.

And grant, O Lord and Heavenly Father, that as our days on earth are multiplied, our good resolutions may be strengthened, and our power of resisting temptation increased. Relieve the infirmities of our mind and body; grant us such strength as our duties may require, and such diligence as may improve those opportunities of good that shall be afforded us.

Deliver us from evil thoughts; increase our faith; enliven our hope; extend our charity; and purify our desires: and so help us, by thy holy spirit, that, when it shall be thy pleasure to call us hence, we may be received to everlasting habitations. *Amen.*

IX.

Call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, who is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master,

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even Christ; and all ye are brethren. He that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any: that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

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LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

Behold thou hast made my days as an hand-breadth, and mine age is as nothing before thee.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry: hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O, spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry: and he hath put a new song into my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust.

As the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God: my soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

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God is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy dwelling-place of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her: she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

We remember thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

As thy name, O God, so sounds thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide unto death.

Prayer.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy holy spirit; that we may per-

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fectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name.

Assist us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor; and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally by thy mercy attain everlasting life.

Fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities: assist us mercifully in these our supplications and prayers; and dispose the way of thy children towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help.

Of thy great mercy grant unto us such things as shall be good for us, though we may neglect to pray for them; and deny us such things as would be hurtful to us, though we should earnestly desire them.

Order all things for us as seemeth right in thy sight; and do us good, both now and for evermore. *Amen.*

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X.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

But one, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor? And Jesus, answering, said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

And by chance there came down a certain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow, when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave

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them to the host, and said, "Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again I will repay thee."

Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor to him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus, Go, and do thou likewise.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt-offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Cast thy burden on the Lord, and he shall sus-

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tain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

Thou hast redeemed my soul from death; yea, my feet from falling: that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

He that goeth forth weeping, and beareth precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Prayer.

O Thou, who knowest all our wants, and who alone art able to supply them; we pray thee to compassionate our weakness, to guard us in peril, to direct us in doubt, and to save us from falling into sin. In every exposure, may thy shield be over us. From the evil that is around and within us, graciously deliver us. Make the path of duty plain before us; and keep us in it, even unto the end.

Let thy mercy descend upon thy whole Church; that it may advance thy honor, and be filled with thy grace, and partake of thy glory.

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Enlighten the ignorant; convert the unbelieving; relieve and comfort all the persecuted and afflicted; speak peace to troubled consciences; strengthen the weak; confirm the strong; deliver the oppressed from him who spoileth him; and succor the needy, who hath no helper.

Redeem man, O God, from slavery, superstition, and crime; send light, liberty, and peace over the whole earth; and let the sun of righteousness arise upon all nations, with healing in his beams.

And grant, O Lord, that thy mercies may be followed by our obedience; and that we may so walk in the light of thy favor, and in the paths of thy commandments, that, living here to thy praise, we may at last be received to thyself, to rejoice for ever in thy presence. *Amen.*

XI.

And he spake many things unto them in Parables, saying:

Behold, a sower went forth to sow; and when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way-side, and the fowls came and devoured them up. Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much

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earth, and forthwith they sprang up, because they had no deepness of earth; and when the sun was up, they were scorched, and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up and choked them. But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundred-fold, some sixty-fold, some thirty-fold. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Hear ye, therefore, the parable of the sower.

When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he that received seed by the way-side. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while; for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; who also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty.

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Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.

In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my defence, and my refuge, is in God.

Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion; and unto thee shallthe vow be performed.

O Thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house; even of thy holy temple.

By wonderful things in righteousness dost thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea.

Thou in thy strength settest fast the mountains; thou stillest the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people; thou makest the out-goings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it; thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest us corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

Thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.

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Thou crownest the year with thy goodness: and thy steps drop fruitfulness.

They drop it upon the pastures of the wilderness; and the little hills rejoice on every side.

The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn:

They shout, and they sing for joy.

Prayer.

O God! we do not know thee. It is by thee that we live, that we think, that we enjoy; and we forget Him from whom come all these things. We see nothing but through thee, the universal light; by thee alone we see every thing; and yet we see not thee thyself. It is thou who givest all: to the stars their light, to the fountains their waters and their courses, to the earth its plants, to the fruits their flavor, to the flowers their splendor and their fragrance, to all nature its abundance and its beauty. To man thou givest health and reason; thou givest him all things; thou doest all; thou rulest over all.

O Lord! watch over our spirit when we wake, and our bodies while we sleep, that we may sleep in peace, and wake with thee. Pity our weakness. Send thy holy angels, spirits of light, that they may keep far from us the spirit of evil.

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Grant that we may resist it with the courage of faith. Give repentance to the sinful, perseverance to the just, and peace to the departed. Let our prayer rise to thee, O God, and let thy blessing descend upon us.

We ask not, O Father, for health or life. We make an offering to thee of all our days. Thou hast counted them. We would know nothing more. All we ask is to die rather than live unfaithful to thee; and if it be thy will that we depart, let us die in patience and love. Almighty God, who holdest in thy hand the keys of the grave, to open and close it at thy will, give us not life if we shall love it too well. Living or dying we would be thine. O Lord, deprive us of all else, but restore to us thyself. All things are thine; thou art the Lord. Take from us riches, honors, health; every thing that would separate us from thee. *Amen.*

XII.

The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man that sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the

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blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, "Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? From whence, then, hath it tares?" He said unto them, "An enemy hath done this." The servants said unto him, "Wilt thou, then, that we go and gather them up?" But he said, "Nay, lest, while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn."

The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard-seed, which a man took and sowed in his field: which indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven; which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; which, when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a

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merchantman seeking goodly pearls; who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: which, when it was full, they drew to the shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and cause his face to shine upon us:

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving power among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.

O, let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase: and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

A father of the fatherless, and a protector of widows, is God in his holy habitation.

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God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth to prosperity those that are bound with chains.

I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

The humble shall see, and be glad: and the hearts of them that fear God shall be revived.

The Lord heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.

Let the heaven and earth praise him; the seas, and every thing that moveth therein.

Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

My flesh and my heart may fail; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

Prayer.

In the morning, O God, the voice of praise shall go up to thee; for thy providence doth overshadow us, and thou dost watch our defenceless slumber: and at night we will lie down in peace and sleep, for thou makest us to dwell in safety. The heavens declare thy glory. The earth rejoices and is glad, at the visits of thy love. And we, formed in thine image, endowed with thine inspiration, would join with universal nature, and call on

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all around and within us to magnify thy holy name.

Almighty God, may every event come to us as a messenger from heaven, to lead us nearer to thee, to increase our faith and hope and love. In the world we shall have temptation; but in thy strength may we overcome the world. Inspire us with a godly, penetrating fear, that we may abhor that which is evil, and cleave to that which is good. In every righteous purpose, in every virtuous emotion, may we discern the agency of thy spirit, working within us to will and to do. May this be the rock of our faith, the fountain of our strength, that thou dost inspire, sanctify, and assist all good resolutions, and all right aims. It is thine own voice, O God, that speaketh in our soul.

As a faithful father admonishes his children, thou the Lord hast warned us against every thing that might do us harm. And for our sakes, that our hearts might be touched, that the chains of sin might be broken, and the gloom of the grave dispelled, Jesus Christ hath come, filled with the spirit, and breathing the love, of the Universal Father.

Father of the spirits of all flesh, thou who hast made us all of one blood, we desire the good of all men. Scatter the clouds of ignorance. Break asunder the bands of sin. Rebuke the folly and

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wickedness of man: and inspire all with that reverence for thy truth, and regard for thy law, which will make them truly free. Incline them to break every yoke; and proclaim freedom and light and good-will to all who sit in darkness. Thy kingdom come, and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven: for thine is the power and the glory for ever. *Amen.*

XIII.

THE kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the market-place, and said unto them, "Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you." And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" They say unto him, "Because no man hath hired us." He saith unto

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them, "Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive."

So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, "Call the laborers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first." And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the good man of the house, saying, "These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day." But he answered one of them, and said, "Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil because I am good?"

So the last shall be first and the first last: for many are called, but few chosen.

How lovely are thy dwellings, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the

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courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

As the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may hide her young; so let me dwell at thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; and the man whose strength is in thee.

The Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

Teach me thy way, O Lord: I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the grave.

Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth go before thy face.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful

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sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

Prayer.

We thank thee, O God, for the pleasant light of life, and for that gracious providence which again pours around us the cheerful beams of day. We bow ourselves before thee in adoration and prayer; and invoke thy spirit, the spirit of life and of love, to sanctify our hearts and lips.

We bless thee, Almighty Father, for the possession of life, and for the knowledge which is given us of its origin and its end. Thou hast created us, and not we ourselves. Thou art the Father of our spirits; and the mysterious life that is in us is thine own inspiration. We exist for thine eternal will, that we may be fellow-laborers with thee, and share in thy power and blessedness. Thou hast made us but little lower than the angels. Thou hast crowned us with glory and honor, and given us dominion over the works of thine hands. Thou hast encompassed us with the means and opportunities of a divine life. Light shines from heaven. In Jesus Christ we have a living revelation of thy will, and our duty as thy children; and he has called us to be perfect as thou art perfect. Every object that we look upon is a me-

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morial of thy love, and of our obligations. Every event of life speaks to us of thee.

Another day has come, bringing messages from heaven. May it carry away new testimony to our fidelity. Through all duty, trial, and enjoyment, let us never lose sight of the end for which this life on earth is given; but remember our vocation as children of God, and heirs of immortality. Order all circumstances for our spiritual and everlasting good. Help us to avoid every thing offensive in thy pure sight. Give us inward purity, that we may see thee, and things invisible; and meekness of spirit, that we may enter into the kingdom of heaven, and evermore live above the world while we are in it.

The blessings which we ask for ourselves wilt thou bestow also upon those who are dear to us. May we be knit together in faith and hope, and look forward to a blessed hour, when, after all the trials and separations of this life, we shall meet around thy throne in heaven, and dwell together in unchanging confidence for ever. *Amen.*

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XIV.

THE kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents: and likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one, went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received five talents came, and brought other five talents, saying, "Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained besides them five talents more." His lord said unto him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." He also that had received two talents came, and said, "Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents besides them." His lord

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said unto him, "Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

Then he that had received the one talent came, and said, "Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strewed: and I was afraid, and went and hid thy money in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine." His lord answered and said unto him, "Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strewed: thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him that hath ten talents."

For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God.

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Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood: they are as a dream: they are like grass that in the morning groweth up:

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up: in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten: and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

O, satisfy us early with thy mercy: that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us: yea, the work of our hands, establish thou it.

Prayer.

Thou, O God, art the Author and Guardian of our life. In our helpless infancy we were nour-

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ished and sheltered by thee. Thou hast watched over our growing years. Thou hast defended us from dangers seen and unseen. In sickness thou hast comforted and sustained us: in health thou hast refreshed and strengthened us: and the life which was at first thy gift thou hast renewed to us daily.

For the constant bounties of thy providence, for food, raiment, and shelter, for the affectionate care of friends, for the pleasant intercourse and daily blessings of life, we heartily thank thee. O Giver of all good, let not the abundance of the gifts close our hearts to the thought of thee: let us not live as if we owed them only to our merit and our strength: but humbly and gratefully may we be led through all to thee. And so may thy spirit of wisdom and love sanctify to us every joy and privilege of our lot.

Thou, O Father, by thy living word, and by the voice of thy spirit in our hearts, dost instruct us what is the true meaning and value of our life. Thou inspirest the faith that lays hold on heaven. Thou teachest us that the soul, which is made in thine image, shares thine own eternity; and that we, thy children, shall never die. Though our strength here be labor and sorrow, yet thou comfortest us with the hope of what shall be hereafter.

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Confirm, we pray thee, that faith, which is thy most precious gift. Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us. While we live in the place that is appointed us, may thy peace, which passeth understanding, dwell within our hearts. When we sin, restore and pardon us; when we wander, bring us back to thee. Grant that we live before thee in the confidence of children, in the perfect love that casteth out fear. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. And may this life on earth so discipline and purify us, that it shall conduct us to that life of holiness and peace, which endureth for ever. *Amen.*

XV.

And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; and should sleep and rise, night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

And he spake this parable unto certain who

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trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others.

Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a Publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself: "God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this Publican: I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I possess." And the Publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner." I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in him will I trust.

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Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day:

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Because thou hast made the Lord which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation, there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

O, come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.

O, come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

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For he is our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Honor and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

O, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

Prayer.

Heavenly Father, who art the strength, and peace, and shelter of our souls, we acknowledge gratefully that providence which embraces and sustains us. We rejoice to see the tokens of thee in every event of life. In the freshness of youth, in the fulness of health and strength, it is thou that keepest our feet from falling, and renewest day by day the fountain of our being. When sickness and pain come, thou givest us a dearer treasure, in the patience that can bear, and the wisdom that can learn, and the trust that submitteth peaceably to thee. When sorrow visits us, and the voice of joy is stilled, thou dost minister heavenly peace, and by thy holy presence thou comfortest thy children's hearts. And when the end of life draws near, thou dost uplift the fainting soul by faith in spiritual things, and inspirest the undying hope, which guides our thought from time to eternity.

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Teach us, O Father, and lead us in the heavenly way. Let us be willing and obedient children. Nourish in us all pure affections, all holy purposes, all true and generous desires. Let the spirit of the Gospel of thy Son dwell within us. Let it sanctify every thought, and purify every disposition of our soul. May all our joys be hallowed, and our sorrows comforted, and our faults pardoned, and our hearts reconciled, by thy indwelling love. Living in thee, may we find that all things work together for our good. Gaining day by day, and year by year, in wisdom, knowledge, holiness, and power, may we so pass the time of our probation here, as to be prepared for that life which shall hereafter be revealed in us.

Thou in thine abundant love, most merciful God, hast bound our hearts by close and dear ties of affection with the hearts of many others. For the precious gift of affection and trust, we thank thee. And those things which we desire for ourselves, we ask for all. Our parents and friends, our brothers and sisters, the companions of our daily life, the dear and helpless ones thou givest us to love and cherish, — may all be very precious in thy sight, O God! Give thine angels charge concerning them, to bear them in their hands, and deliver them from every evil. United

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by thy beneficent and tender providence, we have lived together here: O, grant that together we may inherit that eternal life which thou hast revealed to us through thy spirit and thy Son. *Amen.*

XVI.

WHAT man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, "Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost."

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons which need no repentance.

Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbors together, saying, "Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost."

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Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities: who healeth all thy diseases:

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction: who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

The Lord is merciful and gracious: slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide, neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

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For he knoweth our frame: he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as the flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone: and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

Prayer.

Thou, Lord, art merciful and kind. Thou dost comfort the sorrowful, and visit the lonely, and bear up the heart that is brought low with affliction and distress. We trust in thee wholly. We rejoice and are glad to come before thee, and lift up our hearts to thee, and speak of our sorrows and wants to thee, and to seek from thee counsel and guidance.

Protect us in our ignorance and blindness. Instruct us in the wisdom which is needful for us. Inspire and confirm the faith that brings us into communion with thee. We are feeble, and have need of thy sustaining strength. We are ignorant, and have need of thy guiding light. We

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are sinful, and have need of thy pardoning mercy. Every good gift, and every perfect gift, cometh from thee, O God, Father of light, in whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Thou knowest our wants, and canst relieve us. Thou knowest our sorrows, and canst comfort us. As a father pitieth his children, so thou, Lord, pitiest them who put their trust in thee.

We depend on thee for the daily gifts of thy providence; and we supplicate thee for the spiritual gifts which thy living presence only can impart. Whatever is wrong within us, O, heal and pardon it. What in us is dark do thou illumine: what is low, raise and support. Give us that counsel of wisdom, that freshness of hope and trust, that tender grace of a spirit that knows and loves thee, which shall sanctify our earthly life, and surround it with the light and blessedness of heaven.

We pray for all: for our friends, that they may be dear to thee; for our earthly guides, protectors, and companions, that they may have the guidance of thy faithful hand; for the sick, afflicted, and forsaken, that they may know thee for their Comforter; for the destitute, that their wants may be supplied; for the ignorant, that thy light may shine upon them; for the suffering and oppressed, that the angel of thy mercy may de-

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liver them. And do thou, O merciful God, so manifest thy love, thy glory, and thy power, that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ. *Amen.*

XVII.

A CERTAIN man had two sons. And the younger of them said unto his father, "Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me." And he divided unto them his living.

And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land, and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled himself with the husks that the swine did eat; and no man gave unto him.

And when he came to himself, he said, "How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger? I will arise and go unto my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven,

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and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants."

And he arose and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat and be merry. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found."

BLESS the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, my God, thou art very great: thou art clothed with honor and majesty:

Who coverest thyself with light, as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain: who layest the beams of thy chambers in the waters:

Who makest the clouds thy chariot: who ridest upon the wings of the wind:

Who makest the winds thy messengers: thy ministers the flames of fire:

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Who hast laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains:

At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

The mountains rise, the valleys sink, in the place which thou hast appointed for them.

Thou hast set a bound which the waters may not pass; that they return not again to cover the earth.

He sendeth the springs into the valleys; they run among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field: the creatures of the forest quench their thirst.

Near them the birds of heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches.

He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of his works.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

So is this great and wide sea: in it are living creatures innumerable, both small and great.

These all wait upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

That thou givest them, they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

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Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise unto my God while I have my being.

My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord.

Prayer.

O Thou at whose word the sun ariseth, and man goeth forth to his work and to his labor until the evening, we invoke thy presence. We ask thy blessing. Without thee we can do nothing. With thee we can have nothing to fear. Thou art all in all. For every step that we take, for every breath that we draw, strength cometh from thee. Thy favor is life, and thy loving-kindness is better than life.

For every duty may we be strengthened by the thought of thy presence. Lift thou up the

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light of thy countenance upon us. Wherever we go, let thy voice be heard, and thy peace cause all around and within to shine with the brightness of heaven.

O, send down thy spirit like a ray of light upon our path, and deliver us from evil. Keep our feet from falling, our eyes from tears, and our souls from death. In the midst of health may we remember thee, our Witness and Judge, and use every blessing as a sacred gift. In the darkness as well as in the light may we trace the working of thy power: and consider that the same Being, the Lord God gracious and merciful, gives and takes away; and still may we bless thy name.

Give us pure thoughts, and single aims. Give us love towards thee, and charity towards our neighbor. From all the changes of life, from its joys and its sorrows, may our immortal souls gather new strength. And when our last hour shall come, and we enter the dark valley, and bid farewell to this mortal scene, thou wilt be our rock and our refuge. Thy rod and thy staff will comfort us. We shall fall asleep in thine everlasting arms, and awake amidst the joys of thy presence. And to thee, Merciful Father, we will ascribe the grace and the glory for ever. *Amen.*

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XVIII.

TAKE heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: and he thought within himself, saying, "What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?" And he said, "This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years: take thine ease: eat, drink, and be merry." But God said unto him, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?"

So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give alms: provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye

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yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.

Thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying-down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

Before the word is on my tongue, lo! O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: it is high; I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in the grave, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

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Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day:

The darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

And see if there be any wicked way in me; and lead me in the way everlasting.

Prayer.

O Thou, in whom we live and move and have our being, we lift our hearts gratefully to thee in prayer and praise. The thought of thy presence is not a thought of fear, but of peace and love. We trust in thy guardianship and protection. We confide in the shadow of thy sheltering wings. The spirit of thy grace is about us. When we draw the daily breath of life, it is because thou

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hast made us a living soul: when we train our mind to receive, and our heart to feel, thy lessons of truth and holiness, it is because the inspiration of the Almighty hath given us understanding.

Make us worthy, O God, of thy great benefits, and of thy boundless love towards us. Guard our hearts from evil, and our lives from sin. Help us to grow in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in favor with God and man. May the innocence of youth ripen into the strength of maturity and the beauty of holiness. Whatever is holy, just, and true, in the affections and aims of life, may we endeavor to attain. Whatever is cruel, false, base, and unworthy, give us grace to abhor and avoid. Lead us not into temptation. Deliver us from evil. Spare us from trials beyond our strength. May the hope, confidence, and joy of the Christian life be ours. Adopt us as thy children, and make us the heirs of everlasting life.

Strengthen, we pray thee, and bless with thy spirit of love and holiness, the affections by which we are bound together. In one hope, in the fellowship of one faith, we live before thee. Let us feel that we are indeed brethren in Christ and in thee. Give us the spirit of meekness, forgiveness, and love. Enable us faithfully to do, and patiently to bear, whatever may be thy holy will. Grant thy blessing to all whom we love. And

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may we all so live on earth, that we may dwell hereafter among the spirits of the just made perfect, in heaven. *Amen.*

XIX.

WATCH; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh.

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom: and five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them; but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh! Go ye out to meet him!" Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, "Give us of your oil, for our lamps are gone out." But the wise answered,

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saying, "Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves." And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, "Lord, lord, open unto us." But he answered and said, "Verily I say unto you, I know you not." Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

I WILL extol thee, my God, O King! and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee: and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and declare thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

Men shall speak of the might of thy wonderful acts; and shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion: slow to anger, and of great mercy.

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The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord: and thy saints shall bless thee.

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall; and raiseth up all that are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their prayer, and save them.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Prayer.

O God, we bless thee, that in perfect trust we may at all times come before thee, and lift our

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prayer to thee; and that by Christ thy Son we are taught to call thee our Father. The wants of the body and the soul are supplied alike by thy bounty; for thou openest thine hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Thy providence in the world about us is the continual token of that providence which rules in things spiritual and eternal. Thou dost not forget or desert thy children; and though desolate and forsaken, though deprived of all earthly hope and joy, they may yet confide in thy goodness, and wait in perfect confidence for that holy revelation of thy will, which shall be hereafter.

Infinite and Holy One, thy thoughts are not as our thoughts, nor thy ways as our ways. In the mysteries of thy providence, in the inevitable darkness and change of human life, let us not desert our faith, or lose our trust in thee. Whither thou art guiding us, we know not. The future thou hast hidden in mercy from our eyes. Whatever it may be, still may our trust in thee be the same; for it is the Lord, and he shall do that which seemeth to him good.

Through the various experience of life, through health and sickness, through joy and pain, through prosperity and trial, thou, good God, art guiding us. We would surrender ourselves to thee, and put our hand in thine, and follow without doubt or fear where thou shalt show the way.

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And as thou hast given us a living spirit, capable of knowing and serving thee, we pray, O Lord, that thou wilt touch and sanctify it. May our strength be consecrated to a right purpose. May our life be crowned and blessed with thy pure and perfect love. And whatever portion thou hast assigned us here, let us above all things keep our faith whole, and our trust unshaken; so that by thine own light our steps may be guided on earth, and by thine own love our soul may be received in heaven. *Amen.*

XX.

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats; and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Then shall the king say unto them on his right hand, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungered, and ye gave

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me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me."

Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, "Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? when saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?" And the king shall answer and say unto them, "Verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, "Depart from me: for I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not."

Then shall they also answer him, saying, "Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?" Then shall he answer them, saying, "Verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."

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PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

While I live I will praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God, while I have any being.

He made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is:

He keepeth truth for ever: he executeth judgment for the oppressed: he giveth food to the hungry.

The Lord looseth the prisoners: the Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth up them that are bowed down:

The Lord loveth the righteous: the Lord preserveth the strangers: he relieveth the fatherless and widow.

Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God: for praise is pleasant, and becoming.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

He covereth the heaven with clouds: he prepareth rain for the earth: he maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

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He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings, as eagles:

They shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Prayer.

O Thou, who art the only source of life, and strength, and blessedness, we join again in the act of prayer, and in the giving of thanks. With reverence we acknowledge thee: with gratitude we praise thee. For thou hast evermore been

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merciful unto us. Thou hast guarded us in peril, and rescued us from harm. In thy strength we both now and always stand.

We pray not for ourselves alone. We remember the sacred sympathies, the blessed thoughts, the communion of hearts, the fellowship in aim and in hope, by which all the good and true are bound together as one family in thee. In this household of faith, in this living communion with our Lord, may we all find our portion. Help us, O Father, to be worthy of the high vocation with which we are also called. May nothing stand between our spirit and thee, and the spirits of the just and good everywhere.

Inspire our heart with a holy zeal for whatever is pleasing to thee. Strengthen thy servants, who amid peril and difficulty are still faithfully striving for what is right. Crown the earnest efforts of thy children. Give thy good word success. May thy truth prevail over all injustice, fraud, and wrong. May thy kingdom of peace, liberty, justice, and love be established everywhere, — that kingdom which Christ died to found on earth, — that kingdom which thy word of prophecy hath surely promised. Suffer not thy children's faith to grow faint, their courage or their hope to fail. Above the change and wreck of human things, thou Lord Omnipotent reignest. Above all fraud,

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violence, and oppression is thy sure and unalterable law of right. O, convince the hearts and minds of men! O, purify and restore their lives! Revive our faith in thee. Make thy goodness and thy power manifest. And through all things let us learn to repose upon thy perfect and holy will.

Let us all, O God, and let all men, share in thy mercies according to our need. Feeble and dependent, we come to thee in prayer. Help us both to desire and to attain the things needful for our spiritual welfare. Forsake us not in the conflict of our life; and in its temptations suffer us not to forsake thee. To thee, O Father, we commit ourselves. Do with us as thou wilt. But suffer us not at the last, for any pains of death, to fall away from thee. *Amen.*

XXI.

Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is ev-

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ery one that is born of the spirit. We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe if I tell you of heavenly things?

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest that they are wrought in God.

The hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

As many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

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For we have not received the spirit of bondage again, to fear: but we have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we say, "Our Father!"

The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

For the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

For the earnest expectation of every creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

The creation itself shall also be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors, through him that loved us.

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For I am persuaded, that neither life, nor death, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer.

O Lord God, O holy Father, be thou now and for ever blessed! As thou wilt, so doth it come to pass: and what thou doest is always good. Let thy servants rejoice in thee, not in themselves nor in any other: for thou alone art true joy; thou art our hope and our crown; thou art our gladness and honor, O Lord! What have thy servants but what they have received from thee? All things are thine which thou hast given, and which thou hast made.

We long for the joy of peace. We entreat for the peace of thy children, who are fed by thee in the light of thy consolation. If thou givest peace, if thou bestowest holy joy, the souls of thy servants shall be full of melody, and devout in thy praise.

Grant, O Lord, that we may know what we ought to know; that we may love what we ought to love; that we may desire that which is most

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pleasing to thee; that we may esteem that which is precious in thy sight; that we may despise that which is hateful before thee.

Preserve us, we beseech thee, O most merciful God, from the cares of this life, that we be not too much entangled by them; from the many necessities of the body, that we may not be ensnared by pleasure; and from all hinderances of the soul, lest, being overcome by troubles, we be cast down.

Give us fortitude, that we may endure every trial; patience, that we may submit; and constancy, that we may persevere. In all things, we beseech thee, let thy hand govern and direct us, that in nothing we may go astray. Confirm us by the grace of thy holy spirit; and give us heavenly wisdom, that we may learn above all things to seek and find thee. *Amen.*

XXII.

My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do; for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For as the Father raiseth up the dead and quickeneth them,

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even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son; that all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father who hath sent him.

He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life; and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself, so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; — they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of condemnation.

I can of mine own self do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just, because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father that hath sent me. And the Father himself that hath sent me, hath borne witness of me.

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O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law:

But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer.

O Thou who didst call the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, and who by thy spirit quickenest all things! we devoutly bless thee for the assurance of immortality. Our life is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away; but through the whispers of our own hearts, and by the instructions of thy holy word, we are made acquainted with that inheritance that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for thy faithful children.

Help us, Heavenly Father, to believe with our hearts unto righteousness in the immortal heritage unto which we are called. In our trials we would derive courage from the consciousness of our destiny. In our bereavements we would find peace in thoughts of the eternal home to which the lost of the earth are borne. In our temptations we would be fortified against the seductions of the world, by the conviction that the future welfare of

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our spirits is bound up with our present fidelity to thy holy law.

O God, quicken our conscience by the ever-present feeling, that if we sow unto the spirit, we shall of the spirit reap life everlasting, while he who sinneth against thee wrongeth his own soul. Grant that the fleeting interests of our bodies and the life of time may not be able to engage the whole devotion of our hearts; but that our pride may be humbled, and our passions subdued, and the power of sin over our affections broken, by the penetrating faith that we shall all give account of ourselves unto thee.

Lead us to regard our gifts, our powers, our time and opportunities, as talents intrusted for the highest use; and in the light of eternity may we so improve them, that they shall bring forth fruit, to our peace and to thy praise, thirty, sixty, and an hundred fold. Purify our loves, that we may seek that only which is lovely and excellent, and which can nourish our souls in the graces of the Gospel. May our conversation be in heaven, and our life be with Christ in thee.

Clothe us, through our humble trust in thy promises, with the joy of believing while on earth; redeem us, in the hour of our departure, from bondage to the fear of death; and through our fidelity, and the filial faith in thee which justifies

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in thy sight, may we be fitted for the experience of that mercy, revealed through him who lived, and died, and rose again for our salvation; through whom we would ever ascribe to thee all praise and glory. *Amen.*

XXIII.

LABOR not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you; for him hath God the Father sealed. The bread of God is he that came down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one who seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life. No man can come to me, except the Father that hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

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He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father, so he that eateth me shall live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead; he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Our sufficiency is of God, who hath made us ministers of the new testament: not of the letter, but of the spirit; for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

Now the Lord is that spirit: and where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

All things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might, through the thanksgiving of many, redound to the glory of God.

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For which cause we faint not: but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

Our light affection, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory:

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Now he that hath wrought us to the same thing is God, who also hath given us the earnest of the spirit.

Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

For we walk by faith, not by sight:

We are confident, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Wherefore we labor, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

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Prayer.

Of thy gift it cometh, O Father, that we are here in peace. Thou hast watched over us, and thy love hath kept us from harm. Thou grantest us health and strength. Thou givest us food and raiment. Thou supportest us in difficulty, and guidest us in the times of danger and of sorrow.

Now, O Father, may we lay ourselves to rest in thee. Calm the turbulence of our passions: quiet the throbbings of our hopes: repress the waywardness of our wills: direct the motions of our affections: sanctify the varieties of our lot: and point our faith and trust steadily to the attainment of thine enduring favor.

Be thou all in all to us: and may all things earthly, while we bend them to our growth in grace, and to the work of blessing, dwell lightly in our hearts, so that we may readily, or even joyfully, give up whatever thou dost ask for. May we seek first thy kingdom and righteousness; resting assured that then all things needful shall be added unto us.

Father, pardon our past ingratitude and disobedience; and purify us, whether by thy gentler or thy sterner dealings, till we have done thy will on earth, and thou removest us to thine own presence with the redeemed in heaven. *Amen.*

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XXIV.

My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. Judge not according to the appearance; but judge righteous judgment. Yet a little while am I with you; and then I go unto him that sent me. Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come.

If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth in me, as the Scripture hath said, out of him shall flow rivers of living water. Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again; but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst: but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water, springing up into everlasting life.

I am the light of the world. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. And yet, if I judge, my judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me I speak these things. And he that hath sent me is with me: the Father hath

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not left me alone, for I do always those things that please him.

If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin: and the servant abideth not in the house for ever, but the Son abideth for ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

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THE Father of our Lord Jesus Christ grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened by the might of his spirit in the inner man:

That Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith:

That, being rooted and grounded in love, we may be able to comprehend with all saints the breadth and length and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge;

That we may be filled with all the fulness of God.

I therefore beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love;

Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

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There is one body and one spirit, even as we are called in one hope of our calling:

One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in us all.

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children: for ye were sometime darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

For the fruit of the spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right.

Honor thy father and mother, that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest live long upon the earth.

Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day; and having done all, to stand:

Praying always, with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance.

Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace be with all that love our Lord in sincerity.

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Prayer.

Infinite Being, whom no mortal eye hath seen, nor can see, but whose light beams upon us in the face of Jesus Christ, we adore thee for thy perfections in thyself, and thank thee for thy goodness unto us. We know but little, and we desire that thy spirit may instruct us in wisdom. Our strength is weakness, and we pray that thou wilt give power to our souls.

Help us industriously and devoutly to study the lessons brought before us in thy word, in nature, in books, and in life. We especially beseech thee to awaken in our hearts earnest aspirations and firm resolves to press on in that path of duty and progress which grows brighter and leads higher before the advancing steps of thy faithful servants.

All our sins are known to thee, Omniscient God, with their extenuations and their aggravations. O, forgive us! Lead us to purity, to uprightness, to the peace of a pious trust, and the joy of an eternal inheritance.

Good Lord, remember our wants in all those things of which our lips have failed to speak, — our unspoken needs of pardon and of blessing. We breathe this prayer to thee, Father, in the faith and name of Christ, imploring thee, for thy mercy, to direct our ways, guard our spirits, and, at last, to accept us. *Amen.*

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XXV.

I AM the good Shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, who gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.

All things are delivered unto me of my Father; and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy

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laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

WHEREFORE, my beloved, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling:

For it is God that worketh in us, both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Let your conversation be as becometh the Gospel of Christ, that ye stand fast in one spirit.

With one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel.

I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God.

Let us therefore, as many as would be perfect, be thus minded. Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing: for our conversation is in heaven.

I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content: everywhere, and in all things, I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

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I can do all things, through Christ, who strengtheneth me.

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report;

If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. In every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Jesus Christ.

Prayer.

O Thou that hearest prayer, unto thee should all flesh come. Thou art nigh to all that call upon thee,—to all that call upon thee in truth. Thou wilt fulfil the desire of those who fear thee: thou also wilt hear their cry, and wilt save them. When we call, thou wilt answer us. We would be anxious for nothing; but in all things, by prayer and supplication, would make known our wants unto thee, who indeed knowest what things we have need of, before we ask them.

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And, O thou most holy One, thou knowest how much we need thy pardoning mercy. Hear us, for our sorrows are before us: we bewail our trespasses, and confess our short-comings. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver us. O God, make haste to help us. Have mercy upon us, according to thy loving-kindness; according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and take not thy holy spirit from us.

As thou art not far from any one of us, speak peace to the hearts before thee, and answer the filial trust which prompts the words of prayer. Free us from all disquieting apprehension, and from all vain self-sufficiency. Deliver us from the pangs of a wounded spirit, and from the torpor of a sleeping conscience. Make our hearts tender, but permit them not to be faint. Revive in us all holy resolutions; all honesty of purpose; all healthful cheerfulness. Adapt to our several needs the services of this hour: and listen to us, as one who knows our wants, reads our hearts, and loves us in our weakness.

We pray for all dear to us. We would remember those who are in bonds, as bound with them. Free the weak from infirmity, the sinful from guilt, and the penitent from despair; and protect those who would enjoy the glorious liberty of thy children.

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Be pleased to accept us of thy fatherly goodness, and answer us according to thine infinite wisdom. We ask it as disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

XXVI.

EXCEPT a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. Yet a little while is the light with you: walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you; for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.

He that believeth on me believeth not on me, but on him that sent me: and he that seeth me

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seeth him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father who sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak, therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

God hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, according to his own purpose and grace, which is made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who hath brought life and immortality to light through his Gospel:

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

That good thing which was committed unto you, keep by the holy spirit, which dwelleth in us, that ye may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

It is a faithful saying, If we be dead with him,

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we shall also live with him; if we suffer, we shall also reign with him.

Follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart; in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves:

If peradventure God will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.

The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men; teaching us, that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world:

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The kindness and love of God appeared by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the holy spirit:

That, being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

If ye, then, be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above: set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth: for your life is hid with Christ in God.

And let the peace of God rule in our hearts, to which also we are called.

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Prayer.

O God, our Maker, who alone canst give us the light we need, unseal our spiritual vision. Make us to discern the greatness of thy grace. Teach us the value of thy gracious messages, that we may know how to thank thee, that our hymns and praises may be the prompting and tribute of our hearts.

Let our faith be not in word, but in power. May the spirit of thy Son be our spirit. When Christ is formed within us, then shall we be found meet for thy sanctuary. By true spiritual worship we shall go from grace to grace, and from strength to strength, until we dwell for ever in thy presence.

Encompass our minds this day with thoughts of heaven. Give thine angels charge concerning us, that our feet may not stumble; that we may run with patience the race that is set before us, in the strait and narrow way, turning neither to the right hand nor to the left, and throwing aside every besetting sin.

O, come, thou spirit of truth; come, and take up thine abode evermore in our souls. Be the life of our lives, a fountain springing up within us to everlasting life, that we may never thirst again; and that our hearts may become like Eden, like the garden of the Lord.

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Almighty God, may thy kingdom be advanced in all hearts this day. May the truth, as it is in Jesus, be everywhere faithfully proclaimed, and received into good and honest minds, where it shall spring up and bear the immortal fruits of holy living. Send its blessed consolations into afflicted souls; and let it bind up the broken-hearted, and give liberty to the captive. Fill all hearts with the joy and gladness of thy presence; and let thy will be done by men on earth, as it is by angels in heaven: and to thee shall be the glory for ever. *Amen.*

XXVII.

Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. And knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God, he riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments, and took a towel, and girded himself, and began to wash the disciples' feet. So after

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he had washed their feet, and was set down again, he said unto them,

Know ye what I have done unto you? Ye call me Master, and Lord; and ye say well, for so I am. If I then, your lord and master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet; for I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me; and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go ye cannot come, so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Put on, therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, tender mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, and long-suffering, and above all, charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

The end of the commandment is charity, out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned.

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Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal: and though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity suffereth long and is kind: charity envieth not; is not easily provoked; thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth:

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away:

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; but when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then, face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

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Prayer.

Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good and every perfect gift, let thy spirit warm our hearts while we bow in prayer and praise. Great is thy goodness, Lord: constant and unnumbered are its manifestations. Even when we are evil and unthankful, disregarding thy favors and breaking thy commandments, still thou dost not withhold thy benefits from us, nor avenge thyself for our dark ingratitude and guilt. Thou makest thy sun rise upon the evil and upon the good, and sendest thy rain upon the just and upon the unjust. Thus is revealed thine unchangeable loving-kindness. O that the sacred flame of thy love may kindle our souls, purging away all their impurities, and shining in our lives as a faint reflection of thee!

Enable us, thou who art the Sum and Source of every perfection, to rise above all envy and hatred; that we may, like our Divine Master, love our neighbors as ourselves, and always be ready to sacrifice the inclinations of selfishness to the nobler claims of Christian charity. But most of all we pray, that, by means of a faithful discharge of our duties to those around us, and an earnest improvement of the privileges of this world, we may rise into hallowed communion with thee, and experience a foretaste of heaven.

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Forgive us all, Merciful Father, our transgressions. Bless us early with thy love, that we may serve thee in usefulness, and rejoice before thee in innocence, all our days. In the Redeemer's name, we beseech thee to hear and answer our humble prayer. *Amen.*

XXVIII.

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to myself, that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me. He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father.

If ye love me, keep my commandments: and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for

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ever, — even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more: but ye see me; because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's that sent me.

These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

FAITH is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. The just shall live by faith.

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He knows

He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Let us draw near, with a true heart, in full assurance of faith:

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; and let us consider one another, to provoke unto love and good works.

Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith:

Who, for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

We have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

Have ye forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children? — My Son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

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We have had fathers of our flesh, who corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them who are exercised thereby.

Wherefore, lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

Prayer.

Grant us thy grace, most merciful Lord; that it may be with us, and continue with us to the end. Grant us always to will and desire that which is most acceptable to thee, and which pleaseth thee best. Let thy will be ours, and let our will always follow thine, and agree perfectly with it.

Grant that we may rest in thee above all things desired, and that our heart may be at peace in

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thee. Thou art the true peace of the heart: thou art its only rest. In this peace, in thee, the one sovereign and eternal good, we will sleep and take our rest.

For thou, O Lord our God, art the best above all things: thou alone most high: thou alone most powerful: thou alone most sufficient and most full: thou alone most noble and most glorious, above all things; in whom all things are found together in all their perfection, and always have been, and always will be.

Be thou blessed, O Lord, who hast showed goodness to thy servants, according to the multitude of thy mercies. What have thy servants more to say in thy presence, but to humble themselves exceedingly before thee, always remembering their own iniquity and feebleness.

For there is none like to thee amongst all things that are wonderful in heaven and on earth. Thy works are exceedingly good; thy judgments are true; and by thy providence all things are ruled. Praise, therefore, and glory be to thee, O Father! Let our tongue, our soul, and all things created, join in praising and blessing thee! *Amen.*

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XXIX.

I AM the true Vine, and my Father is the Husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he may give it you.

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Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you: if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me; and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a living hope:

To an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

That the trial of your faith might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ; whom having not seen ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

Receiving the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls.

As he that hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation:

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Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.

The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; but the word of the Lord endureth for ever.

If ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: be not afraid of the terror, neither be troubled; but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear:

It is better, if the will of God be so, that we suffer for well-doing than for evil-doing.

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

If we be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are we; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon us.

The God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you.

To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

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PRAYER.

GREAT art thou, O Lord, and greatly to be praised. Great is thy power, and thy wisdom infinite. Thee would man praise: man, who is but a speck in thy creation; man, who bears with him his mortality, the witness of his sin. Thou makest us to delight in thy praise: for thou hast made us for thyself, and our heart is without rest, till it find rest in thee. We will seek thee, O Lord, by calling upon thee; and call upon thee, believing in thee: for to us hast thou been revealed.

O that we might repose upon thee! O that thou wouldst enter our heart, that we may forget our sorrows, and embrace thee, our only good! So speak, that we may hear. Narrow is the mansion of our soul: enlarge it, that thou mayest enter in. It is frail: do thou repair it. Cleanse us from secret faults; and keep back thy servants from presumptuous sins.

O Lord our God, under the shadow of thy wings let us hope. Protect and sustain us. Thou wilt support us, both when little, and even to gray hairs. When our strength is of thee, it is strength; but when our own, it is feebleness. Let us return to thee, O Lord, that from their

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weariness our souls may rise towards thee; leaning on the things which thou hast created, and passing on to thyself, who hast wonderfully made them: for with thee is refreshment and true strength. Then shalt thou so dwell with us, as now thou workest in us. *Amen.*

XXX.

THESE things have I told you, that, when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you, but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

I have yet many things to say unto you; but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of Truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. A little while, and ye shall not see me; and again, a little while, and ye shall see me; because I go to the Father. Ye shall weep and lament, but

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the world shall rejoice; and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you; for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world; and again I leave the world, and go to the Father.

Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered every man to his own, and shall leave me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!

Now are we the sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that,

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when he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

This is the message that we have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth: for if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

If our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God: and hereby we know that he abideth in us, by his spirit which he hath given us.

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

He that loveth not, knoweth not God: for God is love.

We have known and believed the love that

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God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and He in him.

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear. We love him, because he first loved us.

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God, whom he hath not seen?

And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

And this is the record, that God hath given unto us eternal life.

Prayer.

O God! the centre of all pure spirits, the Everlasting Goodness, we come to thee. Thou art the happiness of heaven; and thy presence, felt by the soul that communes with thee, is the highest good. Ignorant of thee, we know nothing aright: wandering from thee, we lose all light and peace: forgetting thee, we turn our minds from the noblest object of thought: and without love to thee, we are separated from infinite love-

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liness, and from the only substantial and sufficient source of joy. Thou art infinitely better than all thy gifts; and through all we desire to rise to thee.

May Christ be precious to us. Teach us his worth and glory, so that we may love him, and rejoice in him with joy unspeakable. May a sense of the greatness of the evils from which he came to deliver, and of the blessings which he can bestow, excite our gratitude, and lead our minds to dwell on him. May we be more earnest in resisting sin than in resisting all other evils; and welcome Christ as our Saviour from it.

Give us a deeper sense of thy presence; and instruct us to nourish our devoutness by every scene of nature, and every event of providence. Assist us to consecrate our whole being to thee: our understandings to the knowledge of thy character; our hearts to the veneration and love of thy perfections; our wills to the choice of thy commands; our active energies to the accomplishment of thy purposes; our lives to thy glory; and every power to the imitation of thy goodness. Be thou the centre, life, and sovereign of our souls. *Amen.*

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XXXI.

THESE words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven and said:

Father, the hour is come. Glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. I have manifested thy name unto the men whom thou gavest me out of the world. Thine they were, and thou gavest them me, and they have kept thy word.

I pray for them. I pray not now for the world, but for them whom thou hast given me; for they are thine. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also that shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one: as thou, Father, art in

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me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one.

Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am: that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me; for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it; that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

I HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth."

Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will

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dwell with them, and they shall be his people; and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, It is done. I am the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come: and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

God, even our Father, comfort us, and establish us in every good word and work.

Prayer.

Blessed be thy holy name, O Father, that thou hast not left us comfortless; that thou dost come

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to us; that thou givest freely of the fountain of the water of life to all that are athirst. Thine are the sacred and precious revelations that are made to us of spiritual things. Thine are the holy consolations, which through every trial guide the heart gently to its repose. Thine are the blessed words that give peace to the sorrowful, pardon to the penitent, strength to the lonely, and eternal life to those who trust in thee. Of thine infinite grace and mercy hast thou provided for the souls of thy children a shelter and a home. And full of pain and grief as their life may be on earth, tenderly hast thou spoken of the coming time when thou shalt wipe all tears from every eye, and thou thyself shalt be with them, and be their God.

Confirm within us, O our Father, this blessed assurance and this hope. In thy love and thy justice we place our trust. We know in whom we have believed. In all thy works, and in thy watchful and tender providence, thou dost show thyself faithful, compassionate, and kind. Bear with us in our impatience, our folly, and our sin. Pardon us, if in weakness and ignorance we complain of thy providences, and distrust the hidden wisdom of thy dealings towards us. Guide our souls into everlasting peace. Restore unto us the joy of thy salvation, and uphold us with thy free

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spirit. Forgive what has been wrong in us; and grant us thy blessing, that we go hence and sin no more.

Merciful and holy God! Thou hast watched and sheltered us from the beginning. Thou hast borne with our follies, and healed our diseases, and saved our lives from destruction, and crowned us with loving kindness and tender mercy. Let us not distrust thy goodness, or murmur at thine appointment. Whatever our allotted portion in life may be, let us receive it with a calm and thankful heart. Solemnly and trustfully we confide ourselves to thy faithful care, earnestly beseeching thee to bestow all needful gifts, of wisdom, strength, and spiritual peace, for thine own infinite mercies' sake. *Amen.*

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OCCASIONAL SERVICES AND PRAYERS.

I.

FOR THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS.

(*For Scripture Selections, see pages* 24, 27, 84, 98.)

ALMIGHTY and ever-blessed God, by whose providence the different generations of mankind are raised up to know thee, and to enjoy thy favor for ever; grant that this child, now dedicated to thee, may be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly saved through thy mercy, who dost live and govern all things, world without end.

We beseech thee to enable thy servants, who are intrusted with the care of this child, to perform their duty faithfully. Give them wisdom, to be *his* defence against the temptations incident to childhood and youth: and as *he* grows up in life, graciously assist them to enlarge *his* understanding, and to open *his* heart to the impressions of religion and virtue.

We give thee humble thanks, O Heavenly Father, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the

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knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thee. Increase and confirm this faith in us evermore, that we may be enabled to mortify all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily to proceed in all virtue and godliness of living, till we come to that eternal kingdom, which thou hast promised by Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory, with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

II.

FOR THE MARRIAGE SERVICE.

O Eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, Author of everlasting life; send thy blessing upon these thy servants, whom we bless in thy name.

Enable them to perform the covenant which they have now made in thy presence. May they seriously attend to the duties of the new relation in which they stand to each other; that it may

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not be to them a state of temptation and sorrow, but of holiness and comfort. May they live together in peace and love: and wilt thou, the God of peace and love, be always with them, and lead them in the paths of innocence and virtue to eternal life.

O merciful God and Heavenly Father, who art the guide, the support, and the felicity of all who put their trust in thee; we beseech thee to bless these thy servants, and give them grace to fear and serve thee all the days of their life. May their hearts be united in the closest bonds of love and purity. May they be blessings and comforts to one another, sharers of each other's joys, consolers of each other's sorrows, and helpers to one another in all the changes of the world. And grant that they may so faithfully discharge the duties which belong to the condition into which they have entered, that they, and all who may be committed to their care, may meet together in that world of perfect felicity, which thou hast revealed to us by Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord God Almighty bless, preserve, and keep you: the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace: that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

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III.

ON OCCASION OF SICKNESS.

(*For Scripture Selections, see pages* 13, 27, 58, 63, 85, 94, 114, 120.)

O LORD, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve this thy servant. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy: give *him* comfort, and sure confidence in thee: support *him* under all the trials of this present sickness: relieve *his* pains, if it seem good unto thee, and keep *him* in perpetual peace and safety.

Almighty and everlasting God, Maker of mankind, who dost correct those whom thou dost love, and chastise every one whom thou dost receive; we beseech thee to have mercy upon this thy servant, visited with thy hand, and grant that *he* may take thy visitation patiently: and fit *him*, O Lord, for whatever in thy righteous providence thou hast appointed for *him;* that *he* may have cause to glorify thy name for *his* present sufferings, and find that thou, O God, of very faithfulness, hast caused *him* to be troubled.

Hear us, Almighty and most merciful God and

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Father; extend thy accustomed goodness to this thy servant who is grieved with sickness. Sanctify, we beseech thee, this thy fatherly correction to *him*, that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance; that if it shall be thy good pleasure to restore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in thy fear and to thy glory; or else give *him* grace so to take thy visitation, that, after this painful life is ended, *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting.

Our Father in heaven, look down with mercy and pity upon thy child, and lay not thy chastening hand upon *him* more heavily than *he* can bear. Let *him* acknowledge, with submission and humility, that even in judgment thou art merciful, and that of very faithfulness thou hast caused *him* to be troubled. Thou dost afflict *him* with a Parent's wisdom: O, sustain *him* with a Parent's love. Let thy grace be sufficient for *him* in all *his* need; and let the holy influences of thy spirit hold *him* up in *his* weakness, and inspire *his* heart with strength, and hope, and confidence.

Thou knowest all the necessities and all the infirmities of thy servant: satisfy *his* soul with spiritual joys and perfect resignation, and fill *him* with desires of holiness, and of thy heavenly kingdom. Make *his* repentance entire, and *his* faith

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strong, and *his* hope steadfast, so that, if thou dost continue *him* yet longer in life, *he* may serve thee with a devoted heart, and, whenever thou shalt call *his* spirit away from earth, it may enter into the rest of the people of God.

O Lord, hear: O Lord, be merciful: O Lord, heal, and pity, and save. Accept the prayer now offered in behalf of thine afflicted servant. Bless all *his* friends, and reward all the kindness which is shown *him*. Forgive *him his* trespasses, as *he* forgives those who trespass against *him*. Look graciously upon *him*, O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, so much the more strengthen *him* continually with thy grace and holy spirit in the inner man. Let not *his* faith waver, nor *his* hope fail. Be with *him* every moment; be with *him* in the hour of death; and, O, in the day of judgment deliver *him*, through thine infinite mercy in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

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IV.

FOR THE BURIAL SERVICE.

(*For Scripture Selections, see pages* 6, 32, 54, 89, 128.)

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain that we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord.

Man who is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succor, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Father, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts: shut not thy merciful ear to our prayers: but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,

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O holy and most merciful Father, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to take unto himself the soul of our deceased *brother*, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; looking for the general resurrection, when those who sleep in the Lord shall be changed, according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Even so, saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labors.

Prayer.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord; and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; we give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. And we beseech thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true

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faith of thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss in thy heavenly and everlasting glory.

O Almighty and ever-living God, we fly to thee as our eternal refuge; we rest ourselves upon thee, the Rock of Ages. We see thy hand in all the circumstances of our lives. We confess the wisdom which created us of the dust; and bow to the decree which has determined that unto dust we shall return.

Thou knowest our frame; thou rememberest that we are but dust. We therefore pray thee, help our infirmities, and pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts. Sanctify to this family the affliction which thou hast called them to bear. Pour into their troubled minds the consolations of thy spirit, and teach them to turn this sorrow to theireternal good. May they be still, and know that thou art God; and that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men. May they resign without murmuring this object of their love, assured that, though lost to them, *he* lives to thee. May they endure tribulation as becometh thy children, and disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ.

O Lord, regard all thy servants in mercy. Lead us through this valley of tears with safety and peace, with holiness and religion, with spir-

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itual comfort and joy; that when we have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience, and in the hope that neither death nor life, nor things present, nor things to come, will be able to separate us from the love of God.

O Lord our God, who sendest forth thy spirit, and we are created; who takest away our breath, and we die, and return to the dust; blessed be thy name for the assurance of eternal life which thou hast given us. Blessed be thy holy name for the faith we cherish, that this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal, immortality; and that, when the night of the grave is past, a glorious morning will come; when thou shalt wipe away all tears from our eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, nor pain.

Let this immortal hope, and the comforts of thy gracious spirit, sustain in this their bereavement the family and friends of our departed *brother*. Be thou, O God, their refuge, and their consolation, and their sure trust. The more they are brought to perceive that things seen are temporal, so much the more may they find that the things which are unseen are eternal; that thou art faithful, and that Christ is worthy, and that heaven, and not earth, is their home. May they

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embrace thy promises, and be thankful; may they know that thou art God, and be still.

And grant, we beseech thee, O holy Father and eternal Judge, that we may all live mindful of our mortality, and prepared for thy will; and that when thou sayest unto us, Return, ye children of men, we may hear the command without dismay, and obey it without reluctance; knowing whom we have believed, and persuaded that he is able to keep that which we have committed to him, against that day. *Amen.*

V.

BURIAL SERVICE FOR CHILDREN.

(*For Scripture Selections, see pages* 13, 26, 63, 89, 122.)

WHILE the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

The voice said, Cry! And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field. The grass

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withereth, the flower fadeth, because the wind of the Lord bloweth upon it. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand for ever. And the word of God is his promise to you and to your children, through Jesus Christ. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. This corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall put on immortality.

And Jesus said, Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer.

O God, our Heavenly Father, in whose hands are the souls of thy children, and with whom the spirits of the innocent, departed this life, are in everlasting peace and felicity; enable us, we pray thee, to understand and feel the wisdom of thine appointments, to bow with submission to thy decrees, and to acknowledge that the Judge of all the earth will do right: that so our darkness may be dispelled, our tears wiped away, and our sorrow turned into joy.

It hath pleased thee, O God, to send thine angel of death, to cut off a beloved child from the land of the living, in the morning of *his* days.

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We believe in thy loving mercy and truth, and in the Gospel of thy Son. We believe that it is well with the child. Give grace, we beseech thee, to the bereaved mourners, to say, It is well. Have compassion upon them in their grief. Sustain them by faith in thy sure promises; comfort them by thy holy spirit; and strengthen them with the consolations of Christ. Impress on their minds the assurance that thou didst call the child because thou hadst need of *him*, and that *he* is now resting, peacefully and safely, in the arms of the holy Saviour, who, when he was on earth, took little children into his arms, and blessed them. And grant, O most merciful God, that this bereavement may so touch their hearts, that they may have a new sense of their relation to thee, and dependence upon thee, and a new desire to do thy will, and to devote themselves to thy service in holiness and righteousness all their days.

May we all live as those who must die, and who after death must render an account to their Judge. May we enjoy thy mercies and good gifts with gratitude, and resign them with trust and submission. May the sorrows which thou shalt see fit to send us be so improved and sanctified that we may be able to say, It is good for us that we have been afflicted, that we might learn thy statutes. And when thou shalt call us hence,

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may we be received, through thine infinite mercy, to that world where sorrow is unknown, and joy is eternal, revealed to us by Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

VI.

AT SEA.

O THAT men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters, these see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

For he commandeth and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble: they reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

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Then are they glad, because they be quiet: so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Prayers.

O Eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; who hast compassed the waters with bounds, until day and night come to an end; receive into thy almighty and most gracious protection the persons of thy servants. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea, that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of our labor; and with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies to praise and glorify thy holy name.

O most powerful and glorious Lord God, at whose command the winds blow and lift up the waves of the sea, and who stillest the rage thereof; save, Lord, or else we perish. We see how terrible thou art in all thy works of wonder; the great God to be feared above all; and therefore we adore thy Divine Majesty, acknowledging thy power, and implore thy goodness. Help, Lord, and save us for thy mercies' sake.

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O most blessed and glorious Lord God, who art of infinite goodness and mercy; we thy creatures, whom thou hast made and preserved, holding our souls in life, humbly present ourselves before thy Divine Majesty, to offer a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for that thou heardest us when we called in our trouble; thou didst mercifully look on us, and wonderfully command deliverance; for which we give all praise and glory to thy holy name.

And, we beseech thee, make us as truly sensible of thy mercy, as we have been of our danger; and give us hearts always ready to express our thankfulness, not only by words, but also by our lives, in being more obedient to thy holy commandments. Continue, we beseech thee, this thy goodness to us; that we, whom thou hast saved, may serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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ADDITIONAL RESPONSIVE SERVICES.

DESIGNED FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP, THE RESPONSES BEING GIVEN BY THE CHOIR.

I.

TRUST ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord our God is everlasting strength.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee.

The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.

Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee.

With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou hast also wrought all our works in us.

Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious

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corner-stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not flee away.

This also cometh forth from the Lord of hosts, wonderful in counsel, excellent in working.

The Lord is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness; and wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and the strength of salvation.

And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads:

They shall obtain joy and gladness; and sorrow and sighing shall be done away.

II.

Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, saith your God.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the

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crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: the grass withereth, the flower fadeth, when the breath of the Lord bloweth over it.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain: O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid: say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

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III.

BEHOLD my servant, whom I have chosen, mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth: I have put my spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the nations: he shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street:

A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: and he shall give judgment according to the truth.

Who hath believed our report, and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? for he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted:

The chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

All we, like sheep, have gone astray: we have turned every one to his own way:

And the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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He was oppressed, and he was afflicted; yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief; he hath poured out his soul unto death.

The mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed: but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

The Lord shall comfort Zion, he shall comfort her waste places, and make her like Eden, like the garden of the Lord: joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

IV.

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters; and let him that hath no money come, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk, without money, and without price.

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found: call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked

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forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow, from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it.

Ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

V.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach the Gospel unto the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to

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set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord:

To comfort all that mourn; to give them beauty for ashes, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

As the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth:

So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Violence shall no more be heard in the land, nor destruction in thy borders: but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise. The sun shall be no more thy light by day, neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee; but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.

The Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

VI.

Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein: the world, and all things that come forth of it.

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For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King; he will save us.

O Lord of hosts, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth.

Incline thine ear, O Lord, and hear; open thine eyes, O Lord, and see: and hear all our words.

O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name: for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. Thou hast been a strength to the poor, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat; and thou wilt take away the veil that is spread over all nations; thou wilt swallow up death in victory.

We will rejoice in the Lord, and glory in the Holy One of Israel.

Thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; in returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. I will write my law in your hearts; and ye shall teach no more every man his neighbor and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for ye shall all know me, from the least of you unto the greatest of you, saith the Lord.

I will forgive your iniquity, and I will remember your sin no more.

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Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall come and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

VII.

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed; because his compassions fail not: they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul: therefore will I hope in him.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

The Lord will not cast off for ever: but though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies:

For he doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord.

Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.

Wherewith shall we come before the Lord, and bow ourselves before the most high God?

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He hath showed us what is good: and what doth the Lord require of us, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God?

They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever.

The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

VIII.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

O Lord, deal not with us after our sins; nor reward us according to our iniquities.

If any man will come after me, let him take up his cross and follow me.

Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts: mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for

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yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.

For where our treasure is, there shall our hearts be also.

Whosoever shall humble himself as a little child, the same shall be great in the kingdom of heaven.

It is not the will of our Father in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.

The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

May thy laws be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that men may take knowledge of us, that we have been with Jesus.

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IX.

(*Te Deum.*)

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens, and all the powers therein.

To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts!

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.

The noble army of the martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee, O Father of infinite majesty!

Day by day we magnify thee!

And we worship thy name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

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O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have we trusted: let us never be confounded.

X.

GLORY be to God in the highest, peace on earth, good-will toward men.

Blessed are the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance;

Through the tender mercies of our God, whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet in the way of peace.

There is sprung up a light for the righteous, and joyful gladness for such as are true of heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Sing unto the Lord, and praise his name: tell of his salvation from day to day.

Let all that seek him rejoice and be glad in him; and let all such as love his salvation say always, The Lord be praised.

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XI.

We praise thee, O God: we worship thee, Creator and Governor of all things.

O Lord God, thou art greatly to be praised, and to be had in reverence of all who draw nigh to thee.

We acknowledge thee, the one living and true God: God in heaven above and earth beneath, and throughout all worlds: there is none beside thee.

We magnify thee, the high and lofty One, who inhabitest eternity.

Thou dwellest in light inaccessible, and full of glory; whom no mortal eye hath seen, or can see.

We would worship thee, who art a spirit, in spirit and in truth.

Infinite art thou, O God; thou dwellest not in temples made with hands.

In thee we live, and move, and have our being.

All things in heaven and earth are thine: thine is the kingdom, and thou art Lord over all.

Thou art great, and greatly to be feared: thy greatness is unsearchable.

Holy art thou, O God: thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity: thy countenance regardeth the upright.

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We reverence thy name, for thou art holy.

Thy truth reacheth to the heavens: justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne.

Just and true are thy ways, O thou King of saints.

Thou art good, and thou doest good continually: every good and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from thee, the Father of all.

Blessed be the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

XII.

We praise thee, O God: we worship thee, the one true and living God.

Thou art the same, yesterday, to-day, and for ever.

Thou art mighty in wisdom, wonderful in counsel, and excellent in all thy works.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all.

Rejoice in the Lord, all ye people: come into his presence with thanksgiving, and be devout and joyful in his service.

We will give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endureth for ever.

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Father of all mercies, we thank thee for thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.

Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all his benefits.

We bless thee for the joyful hope of an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

Glory be to God in the highest, on earth peace, good-will to men.

THE END.

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